(vi) Installation of check-posts at vulnerable points to check transport documents.

(vii) Training of existing security personnel, refresher training of CISF personnel and basic training of new recruits in security discipline for strengthening the security set up.

(viii) The coal companies maintain close liaison with the State authorities.

Relocation of Jharia city, Jharkhand

† 1031. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any draft scheme from the State Government regarding relocation of Jharia city of Jharkhand to another place, which is facing the problem of underground fire in coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the view point of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In the Master Plan for dealing with fire, subsidence and rehabilitation in the lease hold areas of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) updated in July, 2006, there is no proposal for relocation of main Jharia town due to mine fire. However, there are 595 sites located all over the BCCL leasehold area in Jharia Coalfield which have been identified to be affected due to fire and subsidence. As per the updated Master Plan, the implementation of the scheme is to be taken up in phased manner in ten years period excluding 2 years of pre-implementation activity.

Acquisition of foreign coal mines

† 1032. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a special company for acquisition of foreign coal mines;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) Coal India Limited (CIL) has proposed to set up a new subidiary "Coal Videsh Limited" for acquiring coal equities abroad and the proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Black marketing of coal in Jharkhand

1033. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of coal which is excavated by black marketeers and sold in the open market in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is a fact that trucks with forged documents carry coal all over the country in connivance with district and State administration;

(c) whether Government propose to stop this practice altogether; and

(d) if so, the mechanisms Government would propose to adopt to stop illegal coal mining and trading thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The coal is pilfered/illegally mined stealthily and clandestinely by the miscreants at different places. As such, it is not possible to specify the exact amount of coal which is excavated by black marketeers and sold in the State of Jharkhand.

(b) So far as coal dispatches by road through trucks from coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) to the linked consumers who are supplied coal for own use is concerned, Delivery Order is issued to the consumer against monthly allocation based on 100% advance payment of coal value which is cross verified with the Delivery Order Statement received from the Department issuing Delivery Order, to exercise necessary checks. The transporter/authorized coal agent of the consignee carries with him authorization letter duly authenticated by the Sales Department, a copy of which is also available with the loading colliery for cross verification and exercising checks. On completion of loading, the transporter/authorized coal agent of the consignee is issued a dispatch document known as